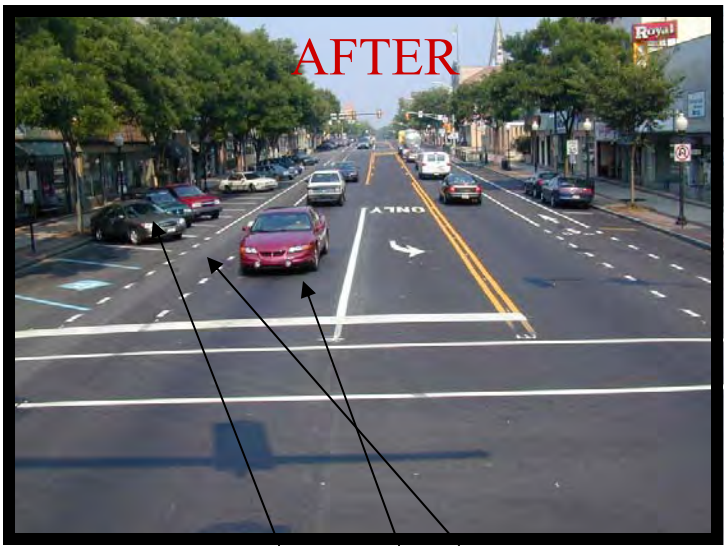
The improvements shown below exemplify how De La Vina could be improved. Pottstown, Pennsylvania reduced their travel lanes, added a bike lane and made more efficient use of their on-street parallel parking spaces by creating back-in diagonal parking.

Back-In Diagonal Parking

How does it work?

Pottstown, PA. Photos courtesy of Tom Hylton

Two travel lanes with on-street parallel parking. No existing bike lane.



Diagonal Back-in parking, new bike lane, and one remaining travel lane.

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Existing street configuration, Upper De La Vina Street. Photo courtesy of Dan Burden

Changes are under consideration for upper De La Vina Street through the Oak Park Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Back-In diagonal parking is being considered on upper De La Vina Street as a solution to parking constraints from Calle Laureles to Samarkand Drive. Back-in diagonal parking is a parking strategy that is used to increase the efficiency and the number of on-street parking spaces. Diagonal parking provides a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly design than traditional parallel parking. This informational brochure has been provided to explain the benefits of back-in diagonal parking.

Please contact Transportation Planning Staff at 564-5385 for more information or visit the Oak Park NTMP website at www.oakparktrafficmanagement.org.

City of Vancouver, WA Photos courtesy of Todd Boulanger

Why Back-In Diagonal Parking?

How can it benefit you?

- Children are directed to the sidewalk and shielded by the door.
- Easier to unload and load trunk at the side-walk.
- Sight visibility is improved for drivers and cyclists.
- It is easier to maneuver into a space with less steps than parallel parking!